

25th August 1925]

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—“That question was answered six months back and action was taken against the man alleged to have transgressed the rules.”

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—“Sir, I myself brought to his notice an instance of an unlicensed toddy shop and the newspapers also drew prominent attention to it.”

The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—“Will the hon. Member kindly put a question?”

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—“I beg to point out to the hon. the Minister that I brought an instance of an unlicensed shop to the notice of his department and no remedy was forthcoming.”

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—“May I know if the hon. the Minister has had time to think over my question and will he kindly call for the information required in clauses (b) and (d) to (g)?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—“I have not been convinced of the necessity for it; but if the hon. Member wants it, certainly I shall obtain the information.”

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—“Thanks, Sir. Whether he is convinced of the necessity for the information or not, I am very thankful for the answer. I do want the answer and if he goes through the information, I am sure he will find that he should be thankful to me for putting this question.”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“Sir, may I know if the officials who usually go and inspect these liquor shops do not all bring such malpractices to the notice of the Government, malpractices such as having secret doors and windows in the shops?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—“The officers always take note of such commissions and they punish the shopkeepers.”

Local Boards and Municipal Councils.

The strength of the district board of South Arcot.

* 375 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the 11-30 a.m. Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the total strength of the district board of South Arcot as it stood on the 1st August 1925, together with the names of the members and their castes;

(b) the number of Muhammadan and Adi-Dravida members thereof; and

(c) whether any particular community is over-represented in that body, and if so, the name of that community and its strength?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) A list^a is laid on the table.

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—“Sir, in the list printed, there is not even one Muhammadan. In view of the fact that recently there has occurred a vacancy, has the hon. Minister any intention of nominating a Muhammadan?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“It has already been the intention of Government.”

^a Printed as Appendix II on pages 729-730 infra.